UPON ENGLISH COAST

PROBE BEGINS AT ANNAPOLIS

Seven Accused Midshipmen Permitted to Retain Counsel, Publicity to Be Courted at All Proceedings.

Attempt Made to Secure Temporary Freedom of Prisoners Fails, Captain Russell Putting It Up to Academy.

ANNAPOLIS, June 7.-The special court of inquiry appointed by Secretary of the Navy Daniels to investigate the whole subject of "gouging," or the use of unfair means in examinations, at the Naval Academy, with special reference to the cases of seven midshipmen whose dismissal has been recommended by Superintendent Fullam, began its sessions here to-

The court's act was to grant the request of the midshipmen specially mentioned in the proceedings that counsel be permitted them, and also to permit absolute publicity in all the proceedings.

The seven midshipmen are: Ralph M. Nelson, first class; C. B. Evans, S. A. Hamilton and L. P. Wessells, second class, and J. E. Moss, T. W. Harrison and D. B. Bun. Duncan, third class. Their counsel are Congressmen C. C. Carlin of Annapolis, the latter the father thorities. of Midshipman Moss, one of the

WIDEST LATITUDE.

Under the precept which contains the nationalities. working guide for the court, it is to inquire into the whole subject, and the widest fatitude is given it. While the person in the naval service may be investigated, and that the court will make such recommendations as it thinks

The court is composed of Capt. Robert W. Russell, president; Commanders A. T. Long and Louis R. De Stieguer, additional members, and Lieut. Commander E. T. Watt, judge advocate.

All of the counsel represented each

of the midshipmen under charges. A strong effort was made at the start by Mr. Carlin to secure the release of the young men so that the proceedings could go on without prejudice to them. It was his contention that the proceedngs were beginning anew, and that gap. there wa sno more reason to connect them with it than any other person. The court, through Captain Russell.

ruled, however, that under the precept from the Secretary of the Navy, the conduct of the seven midshipmen was before the court. Captain Russell also said that the character of the arrest and confinement was a mat-ter to be settled by the superintnedent of the Naval Academy.

Publicity Courted.

held in a large class room in Sampson Hall, and every facility is being offered the press and public to be informed of every step that is taken. The thor-(Continued on Fifth Page.)

CONDITION OF GREEK KING IS CRITICAL

Ruler's Illness Paralyzes Political Activities Preceding Election to Be Held June 13.

ATHENS, June 7 - K'ng Constantine's condition was described as "critical" in an official bulletin isolad today. Premier Gounaris and nearly all the mem-bers of the cabinet remained at the pal-

bers of the capital remarked at the pal-ace all night.

The King nessed a very restless night. His temperature at midnight was 1033, his pulle 125 and his respi-ration 26 Physicians say that while they expected a rise in temperature following Saturday's operation, the condition of their patient unquestion-

ably is alarming.

The serious illness of the King has paralyzed political activities preceding the elections to be held June 13. There is no doubt that the war party, led by former Premier Venizelos, has suffered through sympathy with the King.

Heads Naval Inquiry Of Cheating Charges



Photos by American Press Association. CAPT. R. L. RUSSELL.

Special Train Leaves Capital With 318 Foreigners of Dif-

and James Hay, and Robert Moss, and children, was leaving there today, believe will aggregate in the neigh-It was furnished by the Mexican au-thorities.

According to the minister's figures,

borhood of possibly \$2,000,000 a year
for the past ten years.
The arrest of Caspar was brought
about by James L. Barkman, internal
revenue agent at Little Rock, Ark.

those on the train include ninety Americans, forty-four Englishmen, 127 Spanlards and fifty-seven persons of other show that investigation was begun as

There is a wide discrepancy between these figures and those furnished by and was made by Chief Inspector conduct of the seven midshipmen is Consul John R. Silliman at Vera Cruz, David A. Gates. This investigation, given a special place, it states most who reported that there were 600 Ameri- however, was never brought to a specifically that the conduct of any cans and other foreigners ready to head. leave, and that of this number one-half sought by secret agents of the Govwere women and children.

have to be covered by caravan.

Mr. Silliman advised the State Department that a train was leaving Vera gaugers, and minor employes. Cruz with the British consul and American Consul, Shanklin on board to meet the refugees at the eastern end of the

legation is doing everything possible to relieve the distress of the Americans and other foreigners who have decided

to remain in Mexico City. Confirmation of the recent raid across the border by Texas cowboys in search of two boys kidnaped by Maytorena soldiers was received here today in the The sessions of the court are being form of a report from Consul Simpich. The two boys, whose names were Vaughan and Kang, the consul stated, had been taken over the border when he was advised of the outrage. He at once got into communication with May-

torena, who promised to investigate. Subsequently, and while this "investi-gation" was in progress, the American posse rode across to where the boys posse rode across to where the boys were being kept, and effected their re-lease without opposition. Officials of the Administration claimed today to have no official knowledge of the reports from Mexico to the effect that General Villa is ready to reach an agreement with Carranza in response to President Wilson's warning, and that a conference between representatives of the various factions will shortly be the various factions will shortly be held here in Washington or in Mexico. It is expected that at tomorrow's Cabinet meeting the President will direct the discussion to Mexican affairs, and that as a result, the next step in the new policy may be indicated. A smallpox epidemic is raging in the district of Frontera, in the state or Tabasco, according to advices which reached the State Department today.

The department also learned that

The department also learned that while the Villistas still have control over the territory surrounding the Panuco river, railroad communication has been reopened between Tampico and Laredo, Tex. There is no telegraphic communica-

tion with Guanajuata from either Vera Cruz or Tampico.

Count Berchtold Would Serve as War Chauffeur

VIENNA, June 7 .- Count Leopold Berchtold, ex-Austro-Hungarian premier ferred to in Gustav Stahl's affidavit, and minister of foreign affairs, has presented to the State Department by volunteered his services as a chauffeur the German ambassador, as the man for the Italiana campaign. He is desirous of accord

U. S. REVENUE THREE GERMAN ZEPPELIN DESTROYED AGENT SOUGHT SHIPS SUNK IN IN CLOUDS AFTER RAID

Follows Arrest of Distilling Company's Head.

SUM OF \$200,000 INVOLVED EFFORT TO TAKE RUSS CITY

cies to Rob Federal Government Nearing Climax.

Knox Booth, internal revenue agent for the Tennessee-Alabama district, is sels were sunk or badly damaged and declared to be a fugitive from justice by Treasury Department officials today, who say he is being sought by Gulf of Riga, according to an official connection with an alleged revenue, A semi-official statement denier that

Booth has been missing for two weeks. His disappearance, it was stated at the Treasury today, was coincident with the arrest at Fort Smith, Ark., of John L. Caspar, president of a big distilling company there

Caspar is held in \$35,000 bond for al L. Hartman, an associate of Caspar, ording to internal revenue officials put a \$20,000 bond pending a preliminary hearing, but also is missing

Much Officials Involved. A number of minor internal revenue officials and employes are involved in another alleged scandal reaching over many of the Southern States, and which Treasury officials state will aggregate a \$20,000,000 fraud extending

Began Back In1907. Records in the Treasury Department long ago as 1907. This investigation had today with alleged "blockaders" in Virginia and North Carolina.

Division Agent Booth, who is being were women and children.

The special train will proceed to Tizayuca, where there is a twenty-eight-mile
break in the railroad line which will
baye to be covered by carayan.

Frauds resulted, according to Treasury officials, from alleged col-lusion between storekeepers and An effort is to be made by Internal Revenue Commissioner Osborne to gather in some of the tax lost through this alleged evation and collusion.

Doing Everything Possible. The Brazilian minister said that his NATURALIZED AFTER 31 YEARS IN ARMY

Sergeant Major Julius Moll, Retired, Native of Germany, Becomes Citizen.

Sergeant Major Julius Moll, U. S. A. retired, who served thirty-one years in the Sixth Cavalry, holding every noncommissioned office in the regiment, was naturalized as a citizen of the United States today in the District Supreme Court.

He was admitted to citizenship under a recent act of Congress, which provides that an honorable discharge from the army is sufficient for naturalization and takes the place of the residency clause of older naturalization acts.

Sergeant Major Moll, who was horn in Germany, is sixty years old. The court ordered an army order, issued at the time of his discharge, comending him for his faithfulness and conduct, to

Lusitania Steward Denies Liner Carried Single Gun

be placed in the court records

ces as a chauffeur the German ambassador, as the man who took h'm on the Lusitania the day accompanying his before she sailed from New York and

Disappearance of Knox Booth Muscovite Transport Is Torpedoed in Kaiser's Attempt to Cross Gulf of Riga.

Seven-Year Probe of Conspira- Teuton Forces Believed to Havo Formed Pain for Advance on Petrograd.

pedoed in the naval engagement in the

the main German and Russian Baltic fleets have been engaged, but Stockholm dispatches say that a violet cannonade was heard from the direction of Gotland for six hours, indicating that real battle was raging.

Enemy Driven Off. "Enemy torpedo boats, escorting large ressels, apeared at the entrance to the Gulf of Riga on Thursday," the statement said. "They retired at the approach of our naval forces, but later hydroaeroplanes from the German sh.ps attempted to bombard our warships. The attacks were without result and the

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"The enemy repeated the attempt on Sunday, but the hostile ships were driven off by our submarines. In the engagement the Russian transport Yenisee was submarined and sunk. Thirty-two of her crew were saved.

"Coast guards and scout ships reported that in the action on Sunday our newly laid mines and our submarines sunk or damaged three enemy vessels."

ferent Nationalities.

over many years.

"Blockaders have been operating in this territory (Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, and the southern Missisppi river States) for a number of years, a high official stated today. "Several arrests have been made and other are pending," he said.

It is alleged by internal revenue officials that the arrest of Caspar and the search for Booth constitute only the beginning of a widespread in the State Department that a special train carrying \$18 men, women, a special train carrying \$18 me

Russian Cruiser Sunk by Submarine, Is Berlin Report

BERLIN (Via wireless to Sayville), June 7.-A German submarine torpedoed and sank the Russian second-class cruiser Amur in the Battle on Friday night, it is officially announced today night, it is officially announced today. The admiralty also announced that Zeppelins carly Saturday bombarded the British naval port of Harwich, "copiously and successfully." Many explosions resulted, the official statement said, and what appeared to be a large gas or oil tank burst into flames. Other bombs struck the railflames. Other bombs struck the rail-way depot. Bombs were also dropped on the Brit-

ish fortifications at the mouth of the River Humber. The extent of the damage was not ascertained. The official report that the port of Harwich, one of the most strongly fortified positions on the English east coast, was "covered

"The German airships were vigorously shot at by land guns and by ships in the harbor, but were not hit and re-turned safely," said the official report.

There is no Russian "second-class cruiser" named the Amur. The Amur is a Russian mine layer of the same as the Yenisee, which Petrograd dispatches admit was sunk by a German submarine. Undoubtedly the Yenisee was the ship torpsdoed.

The Yenisee displaced 3.600 tons and was built in 1976. Her armament included five 4.7-inch guns. She carried shout 320 men.

GERMAN'S NEIGHBORS INCREASE U.S. ORDERS

Neutral Nations Contiguous to Fatherland Make Heavy Demand on America.

Despite the absolutely water tight blockade which Great Britain has succeeded in establishing around Germany. exports from the United States to neutral countries contiguous to Germany show enormous increases, according to a statement issued by the Department of Commerce today.

During April, this statement showed. not a single penny's worth of goods NEW YORK. June 7.—That "not a gun nor even a gun carriage" was on the Lustania when that ship sailed from New York May 1, was reitered.

BERLIN (via wireless to London), June 7.- French troops have resorted to the use of "liquid fire," according to an official statement from the war office this afternoon,

The German trenches near Baugois were sprayed with the flery fluid. The attack was unexpected and many soldiers in the advanced works were burned alive before they could retreat. The enemy attempted to follow up this attack by rushing the trenches, but were beaten off by a rain of shrapnel and machine gun bullets.

The war office admits that the French penetrated the German advanced trenches northeast of Soissons. Elsewhere all French attacks were repulsed. The enemy launched particularly vigohous assaults against the German positions on the south slope of the Lorette Hills and southeast of Duterne.

U.S. to Send Answer To Berlin Tomorrow At Latest, Is Promise

No Foundation in Fact for Inference That Delay Has Been Caused by Change in Policy, President Asserts-Uncompromising Position Maintained.

That President Wilson's rejoinder to Germany will be sent on its way to Berlin not later than tomorrow, is the promise beld out today by Administration afficials.

Why the dispatch of the communication has been delayed this long is not explained.

It is stated, however, and in a manner most emphatic, that there is absolutely no foundation in fact for the inferences which have been drawn in certain quarters that there has been a change of policy, a weakening of position, or a tendency to submit to parley.

The position of the United States has been, and will continue to be, declared persons claiming to speak with authority, an uncompromising demand for the respect to which the rights of America and of Americans are entitled.

GERMANY MUST GIVE SATISFACTION.

marines on an unarmed merchant vessel without warning, without the exercise of the recognized duty of visit and tearch, and without making any effort o save the lives of those on board. "Strict accountability," it was pointed out by officials, was what the inited States warned Germany this government would exact if American lives or property were destroyed through a failure on the part of Ger-man commanders to respect these rules in the execution of her war zone edict. The State Department announced to day receipt of a cable from Ambassa-dor Gerard at Berlin, saying he had asked the German foreign office for a statement concerning the Nebraskan incident and had been told the depart-ment had received no official informa-tion of such an attack, but would in-

tion of such an attack, but would investigate it fully through the admiralty and report to Gerard as promptly as Officials would not speculate as to or the contents of the reply the President will send to the Lusitania note. On the contrary, it was stated that President Wilson is extremely perplexed by much that has been printed in the way of forecasts, and particularly in the way of attempted explanations. n the way of attempted explanations or the delay in sending the rejoinder. Last week, in urging the newspaper correspondents to refrain from conjecture pending the dispatch of the note, he promised that it would be sent as soon as possible after its completion.

Indirectly the same appeal was re-peated today. Inquiries today to determine whether the Administration was satisfied with the offers of prompt compensation and the expressions of regret made by Ger-many in the case of the American tank-

Two Men Are Held On Gaming Charge

Lawrence Chapman and John Wheeler, Caught in Raid, Face Trial.

Lawrence Chapmain and John Wheeler. alias King Wheeler, tho of the men ar-rested in the raid on a house near Tewenty-second and N streets northgun nor even a gun carriage" was on the Lusitania when that ship sailed from New York. May I, was reiterated today by J. F. Leach through Frank Winch, a San Francisco newspaper man, who arrived from Liverpool a few days ago.

Leach is the Lusitania steward referred to in Gustav Stahl's affidavit, presented to the State Department by the German ambassador, as the man that the German ambassador, as the man that the German ambassador, as the man that the fight to inquire into the who took him on the Lusitania the day before she sailed from New York and showed him four mounted guns.

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Germany must give satisfaction for the destruction of American lives on to and the Lusitania, she must disavow the attack made by one of her submarines on an unarmed merchant vessel without warning, without the exer-Germany to continue her submarine warfare against nierchant ships wita-out violation of her obligations to neu-

tral powers.

In other words, attention will be called to Germany's admission that the submarine commander who attacked the Guiffight was unable to see the Amer-ican flag at the stern of the vessel until the very moment that the torpedo was

Regarding the question of submarine warfare generally, the hope is held out that the President will reiterate in almost exact language the statements contained in the American note of February 10, protesting against the procedure outlined by Germany for her war zone operations, and in the note of May 13, demanding satisfaction for the sinking of the Lusitania.

FRENCH MAKE FRESH GAINS IN LABYRINTH

German Positions Wrecked With Heavy Artillery Fire and righted the biplane, less than 200 feet Hold Nearly Entire Defenses.

PARIS, June 7 .- By wrecking the German fortifications with heavy artillery fire, the French have captured more enemy positions in the "Labyrinth," southeast of Neuville, and now hold practically the entire system of intricate defenses.

The Germans have counter-attacked

with great fury on the north side of the "Labyrinth." The official com-munique this afternoon says that all the attacks have been repulsed, the Germans leaving many dead and wounded before the French positions. The enemy has brought up re-en-forcements and has begun a deter-mined attempt to recapture the ruins of the Souchez sugar mill. During the night the Germans attempted to shell French troops out of the refinery.

are spraying shrapnel at the French trenches near Neuville.

In the region of Hebuterne, the French have taken a number of pris-

SKIES SEEN OVER BELGIUM

FRENCH USE 'LIQUID FIRE;' **GERMANS BURNED ALIVE**

British Aviators Drop Bombs on Air Monster From 6.000 Feet Above Earth.

DESTROY HANGARS

Two Fires Set and Five People Killed by Germans' Coast Attack.

LONDON, June 7.- Aerial warfare overshadowed land and sea battles in today's dispatches from the western theater of war-ridden

For the second time in fortyeight hours the English east coast was bombarded by a hostile airship. Five persons were killed, forty wounded, and two big fires

British airmen destroyed a Zeppelin in a spectacular cloud battle over Belgian. This is believed to be the same one which raided the English coast.

Two other British avitaors bombarded a German airship shed at Evere, north of Brussels, and destroyed it by fire. Whether a Zeppelin was inside the hangar is not known to teh admiralty.

DETAILS WITHHELD.

Following its new policy of withholding certain details of Zeppelin attacks, the admiralty did not specify the exact localities attacked in last night's raid. The official bulletin issued this afternoon did not indicate whether the aKiser's airmo nster made an attempt to reach London. Other details of the attack, it is understood, may be given out later.

The destruction of the Zeppelin between Ghent and Bruges followed one of the most thrilling air battles the world has ever known. The British airmen shot upward to a height of 6,000 feet and hurled six bombs at the great dirigible, which zigzagged in flight to escape

Scarcely a second after the last bomb went shooting wn, a terrific explosion rent the airship. It crumpled in the center and darted

FELL IN GERMAN LINES.

The force of the explosion caused the Stitish biplane to turn completely over or nearly a minute, the aviator struggled desperately while his machine slid rapidly toward the earth. By an almost superhuman effort, he

regained control of his levers, and

The rapidity of his descent, however, carried the biplane to earth with a

rough jar. The landing place was behind the German lines. The mechanician sprang out, "cranked" the propeliers, and the biplane was off before the astonished Ger nians in a neighboring held could get the range with their guns.

The aviators who bombarded the Zep-pelin shed north of Brussels, returned sately, the admiralty announces.

Gain at Dardanelles Of 500 Yards Made at Heavy Cost to Allies

LONDON, June 7 .- The general adance attempted by the allied troops on the Gallipoli peninsula on Thursday and Friday netted a gain of 500 yards on a front of nearly three miles.

But it appears from the official statement regarding these operations that various divisions of the alles, after making still more substantial gains by "Red Cabaret," a roadside inn cap-dint of great gallantry, were unable tured by the French on Friday, and fully to hold these gains because of the activity of the Turkish artillery and on account of fierce counter attacks,

The statement is a narrative of desperate assaults by British, French, ter-